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## COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD

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### **EMERALD APPOINTED AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM AND CHAIR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS**

*San Diego, CA – December 16, 2014* – Councilmember Emerald has been selected as Council President Pro Tem by recently appointed Council President Sherri Lightner. The selection was confirmed by the San Diego City Council with a unanimous vote of 7-0 (Alvarez and Emerald were absent). The President Pro Tem performs duties of the Council President when the Council President is absent or unable to perform his or her duties.

“As Council President Pro Tem and Chair of the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee, I will continue my commitment to improving the quality of life and safety for all of our diverse neighborhoods. Working with Council President Lightner, and all of our colleagues, I hope to find solutions that can help us increase police salaries, build more fire stations, improve the lives of working families, create and maintain park space, as well as enhance and protect our environment,” said Emerald.

“I want to thank Councilmember Gloria for his leadership and great work the past two years, he has helped guide our city through dark times,” stated Emerald. “I have no doubt that Sherri will do an excellent job continuing to keep our city moving forward as well. I look forward to her fresh ideas and new perspective as our new Council President.”

Regarding the selection of Emerald as Council President Pro Tem, Lightner stated, “I am honored to select Marti Emerald as Council President Pro Tem. We have worked collaboratively on so many items since taking office together in 2008, from improving public safety and addressing our infrastructure needs to approving prevailing wage, minimum wage and earned sick leave for working families, dedicating thousands of acres of city open space as parkland to preserve it for decades to come, balancing the city’s budget during tough times, and advocating for open data, open government and charter reform. I appreciate her leadership style, her maturity and her wide-ranging policy knowledge. She is a great champion for the residents of her district and all San Diegans, and I look forward to working side-by-side with her in the coming year.”

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